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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 3, insert - The present Application is a Divisional Application of

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 5-6 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 1-4. No new matter has been added.

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/535,741, Applicant hereby incorporates the claim of priority from Japanese Application 081064/1999 filed on

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March 25, 1999, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to NEC Corporation at Reel 010670 and Frame 0289.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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